

THE DEFENSE

In Thaw's Trial Scores Several Points.

DELMAS AT HELM.

California Lawyer Takes Charge of Defendant's Case and Clearly Proves His Ability.

New York, Feb. 7.—The defense of Harry K. Thaw, under the direction of Attorney Delmas, of California, began to assume definite shape Wednesday and when adjournment was taken testimony had been placed before the jury to the effect that Stanford White had been heard to make a threat to kill the defendant, coupling the threat with the display of a revolver; that Thaw's actions following the killing of White on the roof of Madison Square Garden was considered by several eyewitnesses to have been "irrational," that an uncle of the defendant was insane; that Evelyn Thaw passed a note to her husband during dinner at the Cafe Marthe the evening of the tragedy; that District Attorney Jerome has this note and refused, on the demand of the defense, to introduce it into evidence.

So far, indeed, had Thaw's defense progressed that at the close of the day's proceedings the announcement was made by Mr. Delmas that either the wife or mother of the defendant would be the first witness on the stand to-day.

The threat against Thaw's life was made two years and a half before the tragedy occurred. District Attorney Jerome objected to the introduction of the evidence, declaring the defense was not understood by him to be one of self-defense.

Mr. Delmas replied that the defense intended to take advantage of every legal defense allowed in the statutes of New York, be it insanity, self-defense or any other legitimate justification of the taking of a human life. This was but the first of a series of interesting bits between the district attorney and Mr. Delmas during the day and it was agreed that Mr. Jerome had found Thaw's new leading counsel a foe man worthy of his best efforts.

The two men are of widely different types—Mr. Jerome quick, passionate, forceful, sarcastic and brilliant at ridicule; Mr. Delmas calm, courteous, resourceful, witty, crafty and ethical, to whom the district attorney was always "the learned, district attorney." There was never a deviation from this method of address.

Benjamin Boman, formerly a stage doorkeeper at the Madison Square theatre, was the witness who told of Thaw's threat.

Coal Barge Sank—Crew Drowned.

New York, Feb. 7.—Tuesday morning during a heavy storm three coal laden barges, which were being towed from Norfolk to Boston by the tug Waltham, broke apart from the tug off Barnegat, N. J. One of these barges was the Gibson, of Fall River, Mass., whose captain and crew were rescued and brought to port Wednesday by the steamer Chamblatt. According to Capt. Reed, of the Gibson, another of the barges foundered and all hands aboard were lost. Owing to the extremely heavy weather prevalent at the time the tug Waltham was unable to render any assistance.

Upheld an Anti-Trust Law.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 7.—The Kentucky court of appeals on Wednesday sustained the validity of the act of the general assembly prohibiting the formation of trusts. The decision of the court was announced in the case of the International Harvester Machine Company of America, against the commonwealth, on appeal from Trimble county. In the lower court the company was indicted on a charge of fixing prices for harvesting machines. The company was convicted and a fine of \$2,000 entered.

Disabled Ships Limped Into Port.

Hallfax, N. S., Feb. 7.—The New York coal steamer Mystic, which was reported in distress off Ketch Harbor Tuesday night with another steamer in tow, arrived at this port Wednesday. The steamer Nanna, which had been in tow of the Mystic, also arrived, being brought into the harbor by tugs. The Nanna had a broken shaft, having become disabled off Cape Sable, and the Mystic, which struck on a shoal but quickly floated, had a hole in her bottom.

Steamers Stuck in the Ice.

Milwaukee, Feb. 7.—Advises received at the Milwaukee offices of the Goodrich Transportation Co. are to the effect that the steamers Iowa and City of Racine, the first named bound for Milwaukee and the other for Chicago, are stuck in the ice off Evans Point, Ill. Both boats left Grand Haven Monday night. It is expected that they will be liberated as soon as the wind shifts.

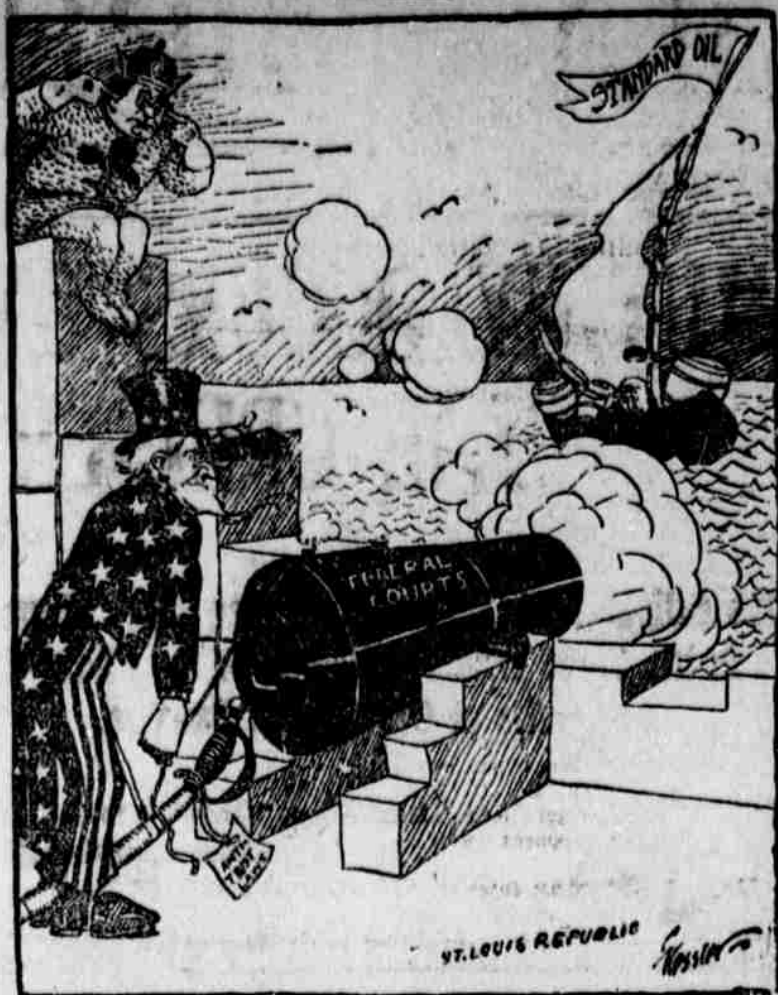
Locomotive Exploded.

Elston, Pa., Feb. 7.—The boiler of a Lehigh Valley locomotive exploded between Fernwood and Nesquehah Wednesday, causing the death of William Mosher and the injury of Soren Hansen, the fireman, and Samuel Donnelly, the engineer.

Six People Froze to Death.

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Feb. 7.—Reports from Waldeck, on the Canadian Pacific, tell of the freezing to death of a man, wife and four children, while driving in a sleigh during Saturday's blizzard.

THE FIRST SHOT



He Held for Perjury.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 7.—P. J. Buckley, of Waukesha, was on Wednesday bound over by Judge Tullar for trial on a charge of perjury in the Cochrane case. J. F. Cochrane sued the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad for a large sum alleged to be due him for his silence regarding the alleged defrauding of 33 railroads of money said to be due them for mileage on the St. Paul tracks. Cochrane asserted that he was to be given \$150 a month by the St. Paul road to refrain from telling other roads of the sums they had been defrauded out of, but he says the St. Paul road failed to fulfill its part of the contract.

Would Abolish the Blue Laws.

Boston, Feb. 7.—Radical changes in the laws relating to the observance of the Sabbath are recommended by the committee appointed by the last legislature to revise the Sunday statutes, which submitted its report at the state house Wednesday. The Sunday laws recently formed the subject of a bitter controversy between District Attorney Moran and Police Commissioner O'Mara, of Boston. The report savors a freer use of Sunday by the people, with more liberties with reference to outdoor pastimes.

Three Women Froze to Death.

Sturgis, S. D., Feb. 7.—Three women are reported to have frozen to death in the recent blizzard. Mrs. Jacob Wahl, wife of a ranchman near Stoneville, was lost while going to the postoffice. Her body has been recovered. A woman is reported to have frozen in her home near Bend. She had burned all her furniture for fuel and had then gone to bed in an endeavor to keep warm. Mrs. Lagran of Topbar, lost her life on the prairie.

Is Charged with Forgery.

St. Louis, Feb. 7.—An information was issued Wednesday against T. W. Peck, chief clerk of the board of education, charging him with forgery in the third degree. The specific charge is that he carried a fictitious name on the pay rolls. Peck first denied all knowledge of the matter, but later, it is stated, made full confession, saying that a woman had a claim on him and demanded money as the price of silence. He was released on bonds.

Suicide, Not Murder.

Washington, Pa., Feb. 7.—The mystery surrounding the death of Frances Martin, the 18-year-old girl found dead in the Forrest building last Sunday, but who died in the Lyric theatre across the street, was cleared up last night at the conclusion of the coroner's inquest. Evidence was adduced to show the girl had taken strychnine with suicidal intent.

A Disastrous Explosion.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—An explosion of molten metal which was accidentally overturned into a pool of cold water at the plant of the Illinois Steel Co. last night injured five workmen, two of them fatally, wrecked two smelters and demolished four others, causing a loss of \$100,000. The metal was in a huge ladle which is operated on a pivot.

King Leopold Gets a Hard Jolt.

Brussels, Feb. 7.—One of the royal carriages in which King Leopold was riding had a collision with an electric street car Wednesday. His majesty was thrown violently to the floor of his vehicle. He sustained no injury but the shock was severe.

Willed a Million to His Friend.

Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 7.—P. W. Herwig, the New Orleans millionaire who died a few days ago, left more than \$1,000,000 to his friend, Martin H. Sullivan, a wealthy lumberman of this city.

Ignore Good Roads Appropriation.

Columbus, O., Feb. 7.—Twenty-four of the 88 counties of the state failed to avail themselves of the good roads law which allows each county \$5,400.08 for road improvement purposes for the two years covered by the legislative appropriation one year ago. State Highway Commissioner Huston says that the counties which do not seem to want to avail themselves of this state aid are those which have the poorest roads.

JUST BY THE WAY.

The Erie railroad has ordered 31 heavy freight engines for May and June delivery, and 3,000 box cars. Grain to the value of about \$750,000 was lost in a fire at Flume, Austria-Hungary, which destroyed a large elevator.

A bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin legislature to make railway officials liable for murder in the second degree in cases of avoidable fatal accidents.

The West Virginia legislature will investigate the several recent mining disasters in that state, resolutions to that effect having been passed by both houses.

At Long Branch, N. J., Miss Bertha Gootheil was killed, Stewart Sherman was probably fatally injured and George Morris, a hackman, was seriously hurt, when a cab was struck by a freight train. The cab was smashed to splinters and the horses killed.

The Road Will Surely Be Built.

Wooster, O., Feb. 7.—It was announced here Wednesday by Hon. David Collier, of Plimpton, who has been promoting the Mansfield & Wooster electric line, that there was no question but that the road would be built and that work would start shortly after the weather settled. Collier says that Cleveland and Pittsburgh capitalists are to furnish the capital.

Attempt to Rob Preceded Fire.

Cincinnati, Feb. 7.—That an attempt to rob the safe of the Thomas Keasom Co. preceded the fire which caused \$75,000 damage in the plant on Sunday, was discovered in an examination of the ruins Wednesday. The combination had been battered off the safe and a chisel inserted behind the combination rim.

Struck a Big Gasser.

Freemont, O., Feb. 7.—The best gas well drilled in the Sandusky county field in the past ten years was struck on the Charles Havens farm Tuesday, and is said to be good for 1,000,000 cubic feet of the finest kind of natural gas a day. This is the third good well in the same neighborhood in Jackson township recently.

An Epidemic of Grip.

Cleveland, Feb. 7.—Health Officer Friedrich announced Wednesday that the city was in the grasp of a grip epidemic. Grip caused five deaths last week. Two of the district physicians are ill, and Dr. Friedrich cannot get substitutes. The school department is hampered because so many teachers have grip.

Ankeny Gets Busy.

Columbus, O., Feb. 7.—State Dairy and Food Commissioner Ankeny with in the past few days has caused the arrest of more than 25 makers and dealers over the state for selling oleomargarine as butter, and as many more for violating the law prohibiting the coloring of oleo to make it resemble butter.

Cold-Wave Strikes Lima.

Lima, O., Feb. 7.—The residents here awoke Wednesday to the cold morning of the winter, with a four inch covering of snow over the ground. The Standard Oil Co.'s refinery thermometer showed the mercury at 7 below zero at daylight. Many oil leases are frozen up.

Two People Asphyxiated.

Youngstown, O., Feb. 7.—Mary Spawn, aged 25 years, and an infant 4 months old, were found dead in their home in East Front street Wednesday. They had been asphyxiated by escaping natural gas.

Train Struck Two Girls.

Massillon, O., Feb. 7.—Nora and Ida Pollock, North Lawrence girls, were struck by a Pennsylvania passenger train and badly injured Wednesday. The former received internal injuries which may prove fatal.

City's Water Supply Was Shut Off.

Akron, O., Feb. 7.—The bursting of a 24-inch pipe, the largest main of the city waterworks system, Tuesday night, shut off all water supply in the city, which was at the mercy of fire all night.

THE DEFICIT PILE QUICKLY CURED AT HOME

In Postal Revenues Could be Wiped Out.

REFORM IS NEEDED

Reduction of \$10,000,000 in Sums Paid Railroads for Carrying the Mails Is Planned.

Washington, Feb. 7.—If the postoffice department were given credit for all the service it renders the government the deficit in postal receipts would be practically eliminated, according to the report of the house committee on postoffices and postroads on the postoffice appropriation bill which was submitted to the house Wednesday. The government department and other government officers in Washington reported that for the six-month period ended December 31, 1906, the postage upon matter they sent through the mails would have aggregated \$2,285,427.

The committee estimates that it is fair to assume \$5,000,000 worth of mail is carried for the government annually from Washington without credit to the postoffice department. The deficit in the postoffice department for the fiscal year 1906 was \$10,516,396 and the committee estimates that this would be entirely covered if it were possible to compute the amount of mail franked by federal officials in all parts of the country. In addition to the amount of free mail going out of Washington.

The increases in the compensation to the employees of the service, including clerks, carriers in city delivery of fees, railway mail clerks and rural delivery carriers are practically as recommended by First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock in his last annual report. These increases are urged by the committee as being of unusual importance. The proposed increases in salaries will aggregate nearly \$9,000,000 a year and are believed by Mr. Hitchcock and Postmaster General Clegg to be necessary for the retention of high class men. The report does not attempt to estimate the actual amount of the cut in the pay to railroads for postal service but it is generally believed by members of the committee that the reduction will aggregate \$10,000,000.

Mutineers to Go to Prison in Chains

St. Petersburg, Feb. 7.—On account of the revival of terrorism and political crimes, the Behringburg fortress has been restored to its former use as a prison for political offenders. Twenty sailors of the Black Sea fleet have just been taken there in chains to serve sentences of life imprisonment for participation in the mutiny at Sebastopol. The fortress will also be used again for executions.

Rear Admiral Kautz Dies.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 7.—The death of Rear Admiral Albert Kautz U. S. N., retired, at Florence, Italy, is announced in a telegram received by Prof. Vambugh, of Harvard, a brother-in-law of the officer. Rear Admiral Kautz had a notable service in the navy of over 40 years and was prominent during the civil war.

Congressional.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The advocates of a 14-foot channel for the Mississippi river from Chicago to St. Louis and the gulf met defeat Wednesday when the river and harbor appropriation bill voted to stand by the recommendation of the committee on opposition to the project. Mr. Daboll, of Pennsylvania, offered an amendment providing for the continuance of work on Dan 10, on the Ohio river, but it was defeated. The Indian appropriation bill was the sole topic of discussion by the senate.

A Bank Assigns.

Blanchester, O., Feb. 7.—Blanchester bank assigned Wednesday. The liabilities are \$60,000. E. D. Smith, the president, was the wealthiest man in this section of the county. Seven hundred acres of land and \$100,000 worth of property are involved. Following on the heels of the Novelty bankruptcy it has made the greatest sensation ever known here. Many depositors are frantic over the outlook but more conservative persons see a fair outlook. Great developments are expected. The bank was involved in the Novelty bankruptcy case and assigned to treat all equities.

William A. Lynch Dies.

Canton, O., Feb. 7.—William A. Lynch, one of the best known lawyers in this section, died suddenly of heart failure at Lisbon Wednesday morning. He was one of counsel for Corwin D. Bechtel, former cashier of the Canton State bank, on trial for alleged embezzlement, and had been in Lisbon since Monday on the case. Mr. Lynch was a trustee of the McKinley National Memorial association, which was in session Wednesday at Washington. He was prevented from going to Washington by the important case in court.

Drew a 99-Year Sentence.

St. Louis, Feb. 7.—On the advice of his father, William Weismiller, 12 years old, pleaded guilty Wednesday in the criminal court to second degree murder and was sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary. He was arrested January 30 on the charge of having shot and killed Charles Braunes, a saloon porter.

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Fortune Developed from a Pension.

Wabash, Ind., Feb. 7.—Leaving a fortune of \$30,000, every cent accumulated from a pension of \$50 a month, judiciously invested by his guardian, Henry Wensler died Wednesday. Injuries received in the civil war affected his mind, but he was able to support himself until recently. Government men sent here say that this is the only fortune in the United States developed from a pension alone. One child disappeared and several have claimed to be children of that son. One man in Ohio claims to be an illegitimate child. These will fight for the estate.

Was Given a Light Sentence.

Cleveland, Feb. 7.—In the federal court Wednesday E. D. Warden, an insurance agent, was sentenced to the penitentiary for 15 months and to pay a fine of \$10 and costs for using the mails to defraud. Warden, it was claimed, arranged with nurserymen to sell trees for them as a side line while he traveled over Ohio and other states; he sent in fictitious orders for trees and collected on them his 20 per cent. commission. From one firm, it was claimed, he obtained \$80 in commissions.

Freeport Man Suicided.

Freeport, O., Feb. 7.—Richard Phillips, aged 23, committed suicide Wednesday by cutting his throat with a razor.

A Famous Philanthropist Is Dying.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 7.—Count John A. Creighton, the noted philanthropist, is dying. Because of his great charities to Catholic schools Pope Leo made Mr. Creighton a count of the papal court.

Cubans Object to the Decree.

Havana, Feb. 7.—The Cuban people generally are manifesting opposition to the project to increase the armed force of the republic, as set forth in the decree issued Tuesday by Gov. Magoon.

Will Bar Women from Choirs.

Cincinnati, Feb. 7.—Archbishop Moeller will read an order Sunday barring women from choirs in the Catholic churches of the archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Simpson's Trial Nears a Finish.

Riverhead, L. I., Feb. 7.—The defense and the prosecution having last night finished summing up in the trial of Dr. James W. Simpson, charged with killing his father-in-law, Bartley T. Horner, the court will charge the jury this morning.

Twenty People Injured.

Pittsburg, Feb. 7.—Twenty persons were injured, five seriously, last night when an electric car on the line between East Pittsburg and Trafford City jumped the track and plunged over a 15-foot embankment near Wilmerding.

GOLD IN PHILIPPINES

AL RIFEROUS DISTRICTS FOUND IN TWO OF ISLANDS.

Ore is Low-Grade but Can Be Mined With Profit—Bullion Bars Are Sent to Manila For Shipment.

Manila.—The chief subject of interest in the islands at this time is gold mining. After two or three years of pioneer work on the part of enterprising prospectors results are beginning to appear and even those who were most skeptical are no longer sitting in the corner's chair. It has been demonstrated beyond the peradventure of a doubt that these islands contain gold in paying quantities. It is a low-grade ore proposition, however, such as that of parts of the Klondike and all of the northern region of South Africa, and offers no inducement to the man with the pan or cradle. In this case it takes gold to get gold. The two gold-bearing districts are the province of Benguet, in the northern part of the island of Luzon, and the island of Masbate, in the south. On many claims in both of these places considerable development work has been done. Probably in the neighborhood of \$500,000, exclusive of labor, has already been expended in actual cash.

Meanwhile nearly every day a bar of bullion comes into Manila from one or other of the various claims, bearing rich and eloquent testimony to the fact that there is gold here and that it is being extracted. These bars range in value from \$300 to \$1,200. The quartz from which this gold is taken assays, according to reports, all the way from \$3 to \$140 and \$150 a ton. Of course, the latter figures are extremely exceptional, but conservative estimates, which appear reliable, place the average yield on some of the claims at \$10 a ton. At present only one mine has a cyanide plant in operation and it has only begun, so that full demonstration of what can be done with the auriferous ore of the Philippines has not yet been obtained. Moreover, no mine has more than one ten-stamp mill in operation, while most of them could accommodate 300 or 400 of that capacity at not much greater cost. As some of the mines are more than paying their running expenses with this limited machinery it is argued that the prospect when capital is applied in large quantities and the mines are run at something like their full capacity is almost boundless.

Factors which contribute to the optimism felt are the abundant and continuous supply of good timber in the mining districts and available water. In Benguet transportation is not what it might be, but it presents no serious obstacles, while in Masbate it is excellent. Naturally, with the sight of the bullion bars arriving here and being purchased by the banks for transportation to San Francisco and with the character of most of the men who are interested and showing their faith in the gold resources of the islands, a feeling of confidence and optimism prevails and it is believed that within a year or two the mineral wealth of these islands will make the world sit up and take notice.

DRIFTS FROM SOUTH POLE.

Antarctic Ice Found Much Farther North Than Ever Before.

Washington.—Reports received by the hydrographic office of the navy for several weeks indicate that the range of the floating ice and icebergs from the south pole is unusually great. According to the charts of the office latitude 42 degrees south has in the past been the limit for ice, but recent reports show that this year the ice has been found several degrees farther north. Just what effect this will have upon ocean currents the office is not prepared to say.

Reports of the changing degree of temperature of the water in the ocean currents are being received from time to time.

Winds of constant direction and which in the past were accompanied by certain established barometric conditions are now reported of a different character. Winds which were formerly accompanied by rain are apparently productive of dry weather and those which were once accompanied by a falling barometer now only cause a steady barometer.

Other Indications from the report

received are that the gulf stream is standing farther out to sea than its northern extremity that it formerly charted. Efforts are being made to establish a possible connection between the change in the character of the winds and the change in the direction and latitude of the gulf stream as well as the unusual amount of ice found this year floating from the antarctic circle. Whether this is the effect of seismic disturbances of an unusual character or of natural and gradual change of condition experts here are unable to say. They are waiting for further and more detailed reports.

Kieps Currants 26 Years.

Hagerstown, Md.—Mr. and Mrs. Levin D. Spessard, of Chewsville, Washington county, gave a reception at their home in honor of Victor D. Harrie and his bride, the latter being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spessard. At the dinner, which was served to the 90 odd guests, were present many of the guests that had been named by Mrs. Spessard 25 years ago. The currants were as good as if put up only last year.

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